REMARKS

A final Office Action was mailed on January 11, 2008. Claims 1 and 3 – 10 are pending; and that claims 1 and 3 – 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103. Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal and submitted a response to the final Office Action on April 8, 2008. The Examiner responded by issuing an Advisory Action on May 12, 2007.

In the present amendment, claims 1, 4, 8 and 9 have been amended to more clearly and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicants regard as their invention. No new matter has been added.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 5, 6, and 8 – 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kandogan et al ("Kandogan", Elastic Windows) in view of Kuromusha et al ("Kuromusha", US 7028265 B2).

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kandogan et al ("Kandogan", Elastic Windows) and Kuromusha et al ("Kuromusha", US 7028265 B2) as applied to Claim 1 above, and in further view of Zenith (7036083 B1).

Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kandogan et al ("Kandogan", Elastic Windows) and Kuromusha et al ("Kuromusha", US 7028265 B2) as applied to Claim 1 above, and in further view of Ellison-Taylor (5796402).

Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kandogan et al ("Kandogan", Elastic Windows) and Kuromusha et al ("Kuromusha", US 7028265 B2) as applied to Claim 1 above, and in further view of Southgate (5561757).

Response to Arguments

In the May 12, 2008, Advisory Action, it is stated that although Applicants argue that Kuromusha determines positions of a main window and sub-windows, but not windows from

other application, Applicants have not included this limitation in the claim language. In the present amendment, Applicants have amended the claim language to clarify the claimed subject matter. However, Applicants submit that the present amendment is for clarification purposes only and should not be construed as a narrowing amendment.

Applicants submit that for at least the following reasons, amended claim 1 is patentable over Kandogan and Kuromusha, alone or in combination.

Applicants' amended claim 1 recites:

*"A method of rearranging **non-overlapping** views on a computer screen, the method comprising the steps of:*

*the computer receiving a rearrangement request from a user to **collectively rearrange all views** on the computer screen relative to an original arrangement of views,*

*the computer determining one or more **possible alternative arrangements of all views** in response to the rearrangement request and selecting one possible alternative arrangement for display,*

the computer displaying the selected alternative arrangement on the screen with all views retaining their original dimensions from the original arrangement of views, and

with each successive rearrangement request, the computer selecting for display one of another possible alternative arrangement of all views or the original arrangement of views."

In the January 8, 2008 Office Action, page 3, it is conceded by the Office that Kandogan does not explicitly disclose that the computer is determining one or more possible alternative arrangements of views in response to the rearrangement request and selecting one possible alternative arrangement for display and with each successive rearrangement the computer selecting for display one of another possible arrangement of views or the original arrangement of views. Because of this deficiency in Kandogan, the Office cited Kuromusha, which is related to a window display system and method for a computer system.

Kuromusha, column 3, lines 48 – 58, discloses the moving of a main window and the moving of a sub-window in accordance with the movement of the main window so that the sub-window may always keep a specified relative position in respect to the main window on the display. Applicants submit that, in Kuromusha, the windows that move are only the sub-windows associated with the main window being moved. However, Kuromusha does not disclose how other windows, not a sub-window of the main window, are rearranged with respect to the moving of the main window. Kuromusha, column 4, lines 57 – 63 and column 12, lines 61 – 65, strongly suggests that other windows belonging to another application are **not** moved regardless, as Kuromusha discloses ways to deal with sub-windows being covered by the other windows after the move. Therefore, the system disclosed in Kuromusha does **not** *"**collectively rearrange all views** on the computer screen"*, as claimed. Furthermore, as disclosed in Kuromusha, column 4, lines 57 – 63 and column 12, lines 61 – 65, it is possible that a window of another application may **overlap** with a sub-window after the move. In view of the fact that Kuromusha discloses that some of the screens may overlap, such moves taught by Kuromusha **also cannot** be ***possible alternative arrangements of all views***, as required in claim 1, since the present invention relates to "*a method of rearranging **non-overlapping** views on a computer screen.*" The arrangements with overlapping views are not provided in the present claims, thus they are not possible alternatives. Therefore, Kuromusha fails to teach the above claimed features.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentable over Kandogan and Kuromusha, alone or in combination. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 under U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested. Independent claims 8 and 9 contain similar claim language as in claim 1, and therefore should also be patentable over Kandogan and Kuromusha, alone or in combination. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 8 and 9 under U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested. Applicants submit that the other cited secondary references, alone or in combination, cannot bridge the feature gap between Kandogan and Kuromusha and claim 1 as discussed above. Therefore, claims 3 – 7 and 10 are also patentable as they depend from claims 1 and 9,

with each claim including further distinguishing features. Withdrawal of the rejections of claims 3 – 7 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

An earnest effort has been made to be fully responsive to the Examiner's objections. In view of the above remarks, it is believed that claims 1 and 3-10 are in condition for allowance. Passage of this case to allowance is earnestly solicited. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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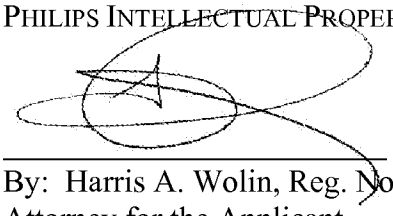

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